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CORN AND SUNFLOWER HARVEST NEARLY COMPLETE

Over 95% of the corn and sunflower harvest was completed by Sunday and continued to run ahead of the 5-year average, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Corn moisture content was 16%, slightly higher than the 5-year average. Producers are largely finished with fall tillage and fertilizer applications. Isolated wet fields and a slowdown of the drying process have delayed the completion of harvest in some areas.

The average temperature for the week was 43.6 degrees, 11.1 degrees above normal. Statewide topsoil moisture supplies as of November 11TH were rated 0% very short, 5% short, 86% adequate, and 9% surplus.

An estimated 96% of field corn acreage was harvested as of Sunday, compared with 80% for the same date in 2004 and 92% for the five-year average. Moisture content of corn harvested for grain was 16%, versus 21% last year and 15% for the five-year average.

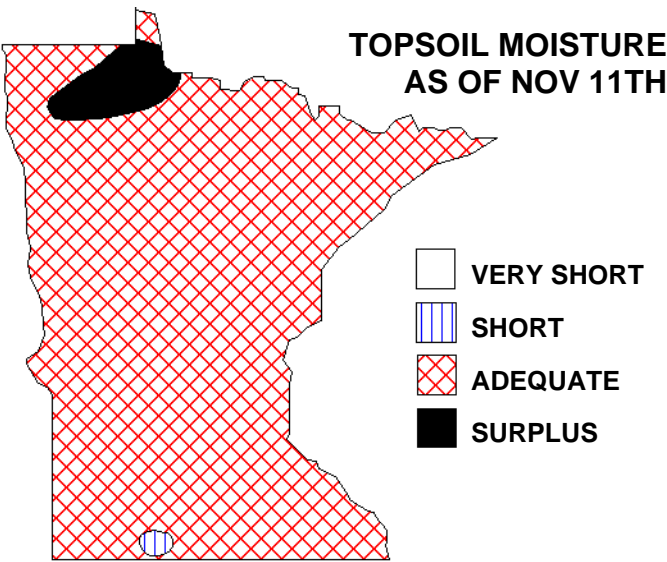
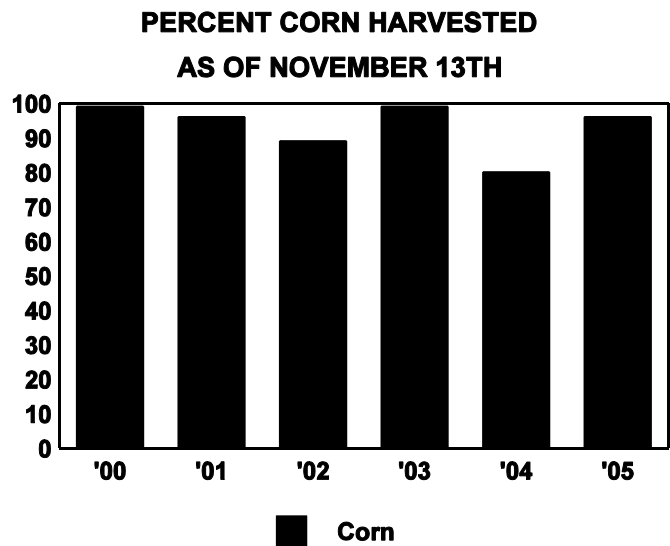
Sunflower harvest was 97% completed compared with 63% last year and 87% for the five year average.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork: 6.0				
	Very Short	Short	Ade-quate	Sur-plus
Topsoil Moisture (%)	0	5	86	9
Subsoil Moisture (%)	0	4	86	10

Crop Progress as of November 13, 2005					
Crop	Stage of Development	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
----- Percent -----					
Corn	Harvested	96	88	80	92
	Moisture Content	16	17	21	15
Sunflower	Harvested	97	88	63	87

This issue of the Weekly Crop-Weather Report is the last for the 2005 growing season. A monthly report will be issued from this office near the end of each month, beginning in December and continuing through March 2006. We will begin publishing this report weekly when field activities begin in the spring. Generally, this date has been around mid-April.

We would like to thank all of the individuals who reported their local crop conditions and progress. Their efforts made this weekly publication possible. The work of the Minnesota Climatology Working Group to provide temperature, precipitation, and data on growing degree days is also greatly appreciated.



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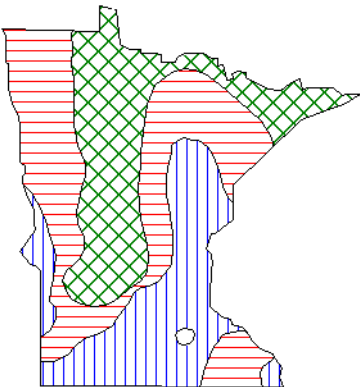
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PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 13, 2005: Temperatures averaged from 9.4 degrees above normal in the Southeast District to 12.3 degrees above normal in the Southwest District. Extremes: 71° in Montevideo; 21° in Hibbing,Morris, Preston. Precipitation averaged from 0.33 inch below normal in the South Central District to 0.65 inch above normal in the North Central and Central Districts. Greatest weekly total was 1.75 inches recorded in Willmar.

Precipitation and Temperature Summary for 11/7/2005 through 11/13/2005

	Temperature				Precipitation			
	High	Low	Week Ave	Depart from Norm	Week Total	Depart Past Week	From Four Weeks	Norm Since 4/1
<u>NW DIST 1</u>								
Crookston	62	28	40.5	11.9	.59	.33	-.17	3.80
Moorhead	62	24	41.3	11.2	.53	.25	-.72	7.16
Warroad	55	29	38.4	11.0	1.09	.79	2.09	5.82
<u>NC DIST 2</u>								
Grand Rapids	58	27	40.2	10.2	.81	.39	-.37	-2.22
Intl. Falls	60	22	37.1	9.3	1.02	.67	1.79	3.80
Itasca	63	26	40.8	13.6	1.27	.90	.00	-.59
<u>NE DIST 3</u>								
Duluth	56	25	39.8	8.9	.79	.25	-.54	-.22
Grand Marais	66	33	48.9	14.7	1.65	1.19	1.23	-.24
Hibbing	57	21	37.4	8.9	.52	.17	-.98	-8.82
<u>WC DIST 4</u>								
Alexandria	69	26	42.0	10.9	1.16	.83	-.34	9.40
Browns Valley	70	23	45.3	12.4	.33	.01	-.98	7.59
Canby	70	32	46.8	11.7	.40	-.03	-1.32	1.36
Fergus Falls	67	29	44.0	13.2	.80	.48	-.71	7.70
Montevideo	71	25	43.8	10.7	0	-.38	-1.65	7.61
Morris	68	21	43.0	11.0	.53	.20	-1.12	4.19
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>								
Becker	62	26	44.4	12.6	.81	.33	-.49	6.44
Collegeville	M	M	M	M	M	M	-1.67m	5.46m
Hutchinson	67	25	45.6	11.8	.28	-.14	-1.24	8.20
Olivia	68	24	45.2	12.2	1.20	.83	-.12	9.60
St. Cloud	63	23	41.6	9.8	1.02	.62	-.34	4.01
Staples	66	22	40.6	10.6	1.35	.95	-.33	6.72
Willmar	67	24	44.7	12.0	1.75	1.34	.13	5.03
<u>EC DIST 6</u>								
Aitkin	59	25	40.6	9.5	.50	.03	-1.15	3.29
Forest Lake	65	25	44.7	10.4	.32	-.19	-1.08	-.72
MSP Airport	64	28	46.5	11.2	.19	-.30	-1.27	4.29
St. Paul - UofM	62	28	48.2	11.6	.18	-.35	-1.55	4.86
<u>SW DIST 7</u>								
Lamberton	69	26	46.8	12.7	.31	-.06	-1.10	9.25
Pipestone	66	25	46.2	13.4	.62	.22	-.96	8.81
Redwood Falls	70	24	45.4	10.3	.86	.44	-.65	5.67
Worthington	69	28	46.8	13.8	.15	-.28	-1.53	8.83
<u>SC DIST 8</u>								
Faribault	62	25	46.4	11.6	.10	-.41	-1.47	7.67
Mankato	66	26	46.8	11.9	.26	-.26	-1.67	.94
Waseca	63	23	46.0	11.6	.27	-.31	-1.91	3.85
Winnebago	66	26	47.2	12.3	.15	-.32	-1.29	12.97
<u>SE DIST 9</u>								
Preston	63	21	42.8	7.5	.88	.35	-.79	2.20
Red Wing	65	26	44.9	9.8	.42	-.04	-1.11	-1.73
Rochester	62	24	46.5	12.5	.74	.23	-.64	-1.02
Rosemount	64	24	45.1	9.8	.13	-.46	-1.71	-2.58
Winona	63	29	46.7	7.8	.61	.06	-.99	1.38

m=some data missing



WEEK TOTAL RAINFALL

WEEK ENDING NOV 6TH

- 0.00 - 0.09
- 0.10 - 0.49
- 0.50 - 0.99
- 1.00 - 1.99
- 2.0 +

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